

# Elkville Christian Church



## Spotlight Focus

### EASTER - A STATEMENT OF FAITH

Each year around Easter there are many different thoughts and questions about Jesus. Was He just a good man, good teacher, or is He something more? Is He the Christ, the resurrected Lord? Here's where the importance of the Bible comes in for answering that question. Following is a short article by Nick Cady from his website *Theology for the People*. Nick shows us that the resurrection is a statement of faith, a very reasonable faith because of the fulfillment of God's promises seen in Jesus.

#### The Statistical Probability of Jesus Fulfilling the Messianic Prophecies

With all the religions out there, how can you know that Christianity is true?  
How can you know whether the Bible actually gives the accurate and correct story of the world?

How do you know that Christianity isn't just a fairy tale, made up by people to help them cope with hardship and death, and deal with life?

That's the question which the Apostle Peter addresses in 2 Peter 1:16-21.

Peter essentially gives two evidences for why we can trust the Bible:

1. Christianity is based on historical facts which had many eye-witnesses
2. The record of Messianic prophecies which Jesus fulfilled



## **The Test & the Evidence**

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah contains an incredible claim: the Lord God is contrasting himself with the pagan gods which many people worshiped in the form of idols, and God says, Here is how you will know that I am the one true God, and those so-called 'gods' are nothing: I will tell you the end from the beginning; I will tell you what will happen before it happens, and then when those things come to pass, that will be the proof to you that I alone am God. See: [Isaiah 44:6-8; 46:9-10; 48:5-6](#)

So God himself challenges us to put him to the test, and he goes on record predicting things about the future which will come to pass. Roughly 1/3 of the Bible is made up of prophecies, including many about the promised Messiah, which predicted various things about his identity and actions.

According to one calculation, there are 332 Messianic prophecies from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), which Jesus fulfilled.

This is why the Dead Sea Scrolls are such a big deal: they date back to about 100 years before the birth of Jesus, which shows us that the prophecies which Jesus fulfilled were indeed written before his birth, and were not later redactions or additions.

## **Peter Stoner's Calculations**

Professor Peter W. Stoner was Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena City College and Chairman of the science division at Westmont College. In his book, [Science Speaks](#), Professor Stoner outlines the mathematical probability of one person in the first century fulfilling just eight of the most clear and straightforward Messianic prophecies.

Josh and Sean McDowell quote Stoner in their book, [Evidence That Demands a Verdict](#):

We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 1017 (1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000).

In case you're wondering, the Mega Millions had a \$1.6 billion jackpot in October 2018, and the odds of winning it were merely 1 in 302,575,350.

Stoner went on to calculate the probability of one person fulfilling 48 prophecies:  
1 in 10157.

## **What Makes Christianity Unique**

Along with eye-witness evidence of historical events (testimony for which people died, suffered imprisonment, torture, and the torture of their loved ones), and the prophetic record, something else that sets Christianity apart from all other religions and philosophies is the path of salvation it presents:

Whereas other religions offer ways to save yourself or endear yourself to God through doing actions, or keeping rules – the gospel message of the Bible is that you cannot save yourself, no matter how hard you try – but that God has done for you in Christ that which you could never do for yourself, in order to save you – because he already loves you.

That's much better news, and a promise you can take to the bank.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7th Trent Tuthill  
11th Bob Dawe  
12th Cheradon Lively  
12th Kathi Jones  
12th Jenifer Wilt  
21st Ty Kreid  
22nd John Halstead  
23rd Leah Weil  
23rd Oakes Piper  
24th Robin Heise  
26th Teresa Weil  
27th Dalton Olmsted  
27th Brody Wilt  
27th Randy Manis  
29th Hailey Nosalik  
29th Tori Porter  
30th Ron Reams  
30th Vickie Parry

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1st Warren & Kathy Yates  
11th Ross & Sara Cook  
18th Steve & Jennifer Harsy  
20th Lyle & Joyce Thompson  
20th Tom & Jenny Scott  
25th Matt & Kathy Jones  
30th Charles & Tina Fesquet  
31st John & Johnnie Halstead



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!  
MARCH 17, 2024  
5:00PM-7:30PM

ELKHAVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
114 SOUTH 2ND STREET  
ELKHAVILLE, IL 62932

UNITING ALL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YOUTH!  
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN ACTIVITIES,  
PRAISE & WORSHIP, AND MORE!

TO SIGN UP YOUR YOUTH GROUP,  
CALL YOUTH PASTOR: LANDON BUSER @ 618-534-6702 OR  
ELKHAVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH @ 618-568-1544





# MARCH DATES

3/2 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.

3/3 Variety of Praise 6:00 p.m.

3/6 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

3/9 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.

3/10 Guest Services Meeting

3/10 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

3/11 Book Club 6:00 p.m.

3/13 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

3/15 Elverado Education Foundation Trivia Night 5:30 p.m.

3/16 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.

3/17 UNITE Youth Event 5:00-7:30 p.m.

3/18 Area Men's Meeting at Heartland Christian in Marion 6:30 p.m.

3/19 Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 p.m.

3/20 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

3/24 Palm Sunday

3/24 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

3/27 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

3/31 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

3/31 Easter Worship Service 10:00 a.m. (Sunday School 9:00 a.m.)

3/31 Children's Easter Egg Hunt

\*Please remember that dates are subject to change, and that there may be some events added later after this newsletter is published. Follow the weekly bulletins and follow us on Facebook.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION.....

- Men's Breakfast- Kevin Asbury is providing the devotion.
- Women's Breakfast-Vickie Carter will be delivering the devotion.
- Book Club: Book of the Month is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.
- Senior's Ministry coffee shop now open Monday-Friday, 8:00-10:00
- Walking track open to adults of all ages Monday through Fridays, 8:00-12:00 in our multi-purpose room.
- UNITE Youth Conference. Sign your Jr. High or High School student up at the bulletin board!
- Easter Sunrise Service March 31st at 6:30 with fellowship breakfast to follow.
- Easter Egg Hunt- We will be taking donations of pre-filled plastic Easter Eggs for the children's egg hunt the entire month of March. Egg hunt will be AFTER Easter Worship service, outside weather permitting.



# MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

## Communion Purchase

Vickie Carter

## Communion Prep

Larry & Joyce Hickman

## Communion Meditation

3/3 Brandon Buser

3/10 Doug Gibbs

3/17 Kim Buser

3/24 Jake Gibbs

3/31 Lyle Thompson

## Sunday School Milk & Juice

3/3 & 3/10 Doug & Amy Gibbs

3/17 & 3/24 Vickie Carter

3/31 Larry & Joyce Hickman

## Inside Greeters

3/3 Diane Dunbar & Shirley Harsha

3/10 Lyle Thompson & Dale Odom

3/17 Larry Hickman & Gary Jones

3/24 Kathy Elson & Maggie Elson

3/31 Faye Aken & Beth Alongi

## Opening Prayer

3/3 Alan Evans

3/10 Brandon Buser

3/17 Doug Gibbs

3/24 Larry Hickman

3/31 Ron Kreid

## Hall Greeter

3/3 Randy Manis

3/10 Jake Gibbs

3/17 Aaron Thompson

3/24 Larry Hickman

3/31 Brandon Buser

## Nursery

3/3 Susan Crane

3/10 Jenni Porter with Paislee

3/17 Ryleigh Ridgeway with Ginny Reiman

3/24 Donna Waller

3/31 No Nursery Volunteer

## Exit Greeter

3/3 Paula Dunlap

3/10 Thelma Viernum

3/17 Susan Crane

3/24 Dale Odom

3/31 Jeannette Thompson

## COMMUNION SERVERS

3/3/2024

3/10/2024

3/17/2024

3/24/2024

3/31/2024

Doug Gibbs  
Lyle Thompson  
Mike Stewart  
Hank Stewart  
Wes Wilt  
Aaron Thompson  
Maddax Thompson  
Mark Wilson

Gordon Burroughs  
Larry Hickman  
Jordan Evans  
Joyce Hickman  
Ed Davis  
Warren Yates  
Jarrod Kreid  
Tom Scott

Brandon Buser  
Jake Gibbs  
Andy Burroughs  
Tyler Burroughs  
Luke Buser  
Jake Gibbs  
Gary Monroe  
Steve Parry

Dale Odom  
Gary Jones  
Darrell Dunbar  
Craig Briley  
Paula Dunlap  
Jeremy Keith  
AJ Keith  
Wes Wilt

Gordon Burroughs  
Larry Hickman  
Mike Stewart  
Hank Stewart  
Aaron Thompson  
Maddax Thompson  
Mark Wilson  
Jordan Evans



# March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24 <b>PALM</b> Sunday Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30	25 Area Men's Meeting at Heartland In Marion	26	27 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	28 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	29 <b>GOOD</b> Friday	30
31 <b>EASTER</b> Sunday NO Youth Night						

# Prayers and Praises

**Praises:** Lonnie Shepard (Jane Gray's son-has had his colostomy removed! Praying it continues to go well!)

**Surgery & Recovering:** Nancy Denton (surgery 1/26); Lauren Buser(gallbladder surgery); Patty Buser (upcoming surgery on hand/thumb); Doug Berner (Thelma's nephew-heart surgery at Barnes); Chris Ehlers (broken ankle-surgery); Julie Hicks (surgery to remove breast cancer); Ted Harsha (toe amputation); Rodney Barwick (complications after gallbladders surgery)

**Others in Need:** Alec Valerius (mass in spine requiring surgery); Heidi Humerickhouse (6 month old with serious health issues); Aurura (Tom & Jenny Scott's granddaughter); Jimmie & Terri Rice (newborn twins born prematurely-in St. Louis); Pat Underwood (liver issues); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Marge Quillman (91-broken hip, infection-cannot do surgery); Jeff Collins (blood clots after heart attack); Jessica Davis (Serious Health Concerns; Pray for healing); Dan Hunter (Fall-brain bleed, pneumonia); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Jaque Ford (torn meniscus); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues); Brenda Segelken (broken hip); Carol Myers (serious health issues); Parker Evans (testing); Bob Dawe (pneumonia, staff infection); Nancy Denton (serious heart issues); Kelly Offermann (lung problems); Bentley Creech (newborn with breathing troubles-in St. Louis Hospital on ventilator); Chris Darnell (brain bleed-in St. Louis hospital); Evey Maye(kidney disease); Nick Fowler (biopsy-testing for possible skin cancer in the stomach);Ridgeway (heart failure); Karen Monroe; David Flowers (broken leg after a fall); Mandy Pitlick (psoriatic arthritis); Alex Walters (32 year old admitted to Barnes Jewish Hospital after a collapse; Patty Manis (cardiac and other health issues)

**Those With Cancer:** Owen Peebles (Wilm's tumor); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia);Chuck Alexander(skin cancer); Paul Mclaughin (Jeanette Thompson's brother-stage 4 pancreatic cancer); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Larry Aken (Jerry Aken's brother-cancer returned); Addi Reiman (11 year old with leukemia); Brent Crews (throat cancer); Lori Davis (Stage 4 cancer in bones, lungs, and lymph nodes); Tenza Connor (Breast Cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Larry Thompson (radiation treatments); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer);Melissa Jane Pabst (leukemia has returned); Aiden Caracker (senior @ Elverado with rare cancer-undergoing treatment); Nathan Barnes-Atterberry (on hospice);

Kathy Yates; Brenda Flowers (chemo started December 13); Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Addilyn Holmes (6 y.o. stage 3 renal cancer, Wilms tumor-kidney removed-starts chemo January 10th followed by radiation); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

**Military Service:** Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming);Micheal Brown (Navy-deployed to Africa); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Captain Luke Grieder (Army-serving in Africa); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed Pensacola, FL); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizailion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

**Those in Mourning:**

# March Wednesday Night Menu

Meal Starts at 5:45. Comes with Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$7/plate & \$18/family  
To help Donna prepare, PLEASE be sure to sign up by the Tuesday before

3/6 Cheeseburger Tater Tot Casserole, Broccoli, Carrots, and Rolls

3/13 Italian Beef, Potato Wedges, and Green Beans

3/20 BBQ Pork Steaks, Corn Casserole, Twice Baked Potatoes, and Rolls

3/27 Blackened Chicken Alfredo, Salad, and Garlic Bread

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EASTER

He is Risen

